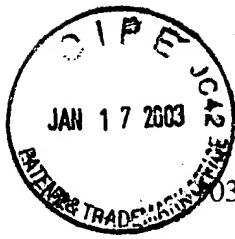


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I. Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated September 11, 2002 from December 11, 2002 to January 11, 2003 (Saturday). A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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